

Chevy Chase Village Elections Committee Annual Report 2013-2014

1. The Elections Committee's activities are concentrated in the January to May period, when board terms expire and vacancies must be filled, either through Annual Meeting acclamation (if the number of candidates is equal or smaller than the number of vacancies) or through elections on the Saturday three weeks after the Annual Meeting. Members of the committee, formed in 2011, include Norm Asher, Bob Broeksmit, Minh Le, Irwin Pernick and Charlotte Jones Carroll.
2. Last spring, six persons ran for six positions, including two vacancies resulting from resignations. These candidates were affirmed at the 2013 Annual Meeting as Board of Managers members. Via a random drawing, two of the six were assigned one-year terms to complete the period of the two members who resigned. This year, the three incumbents whose terms are ending have expressed interest in running again and one additional Village resident, Kim Fried, has expressed intent to run, following notices in Village communications seeking interested candidates.
3. Because more than three persons have expressed interest in being candidates, and met the criteria, we have scheduled a Village election for Saturday, May 10 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. preceded by a candidates' forum on the evening of May 7. Each candidate has provided a statement regarding their issues, interests and skills, so that this information can be circulated to the Village in a special Crier edition immediately following this Meeting. The Committee will conduct the election, including counting the votes after polls close at 3 pm. Provision for absentee ballots will also be made.
4. Throughout this process, the Committee has worked closely with the Village manager, to assure that proper publicity is provided about both the vacancies and the election date and procedures. A thorough discussion was also held with the Village Counsel regarding appropriate procedures and potential need to revise slightly the Village By-laws at some future date to clarify processes and bring them in line with those of other municipalities, such as asking residents interested in Board positions to provide Intent to Run forms in addition to the Financial Disclosure forms.
5. I would like, at this time, to ask if there are any further nominations from the floor.

Charlotte Jones Carroll, Elections Committee Chair